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**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

Section 63.71 Application of)
)
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)
d/b/a AT&T Southeast)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF
AT&T SOUTHEAST**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended ("the Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to discontinue Wavelength Channel Service Dedicated System ("WCS") throughout its service territory in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T Southeast is providing the following information:

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

AT&T Southeast, 675 West Peachtree St. NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30375

Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

AT&T Southeast plans to no longer offer this service to new customers or existing customers at new locations on or after July 29, 2008, subject to Commission authorization to discontinue the service pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c).

AT&T Southeast will continue to provide this service to existing customers until the capacity of their existing WCS has been reached, their contract expires, or they are migrated to an alternate service.

Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

AT&T Southeast will discontinue this service throughout its service territory in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

Wavelength Channel service (WCS) provides high volume transparent and bit rate specific optical transport capabilities in a point-to point configuration.

AT&T Southeast is discontinuing this service due to low demand for the product as the product has been replaced by more feature-rich product alternatives that are offered at lower rates.¹ The public convenience and necessity is not harmed by this discontinuance because AT&T Southeast offers an alternative product, Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service, which has more robust features and is offered at lower rates. Furthermore, AT&T Southeast's existing customer may continue to subscribe to this service until its contract expires or until it migrates to another service offering.

Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):

AT&T Southeast notified its customer by letter sent via US Mail on June 9, 2008. A copy of the customer notification is attached hereto as Attachment A.

¹ AT&T Southeast has only one customer, an affiliate of AT&T Southeast that currently subscribes to this product.

Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of each state in which discontinuance is proposed and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

AT&T Southeast is considered non-dominant with respect the services to be discontinued pursuant to the *AT&T Broadband Forbearance Order*.²

Questions about this application may be addressed to Toni Acton, AT&T Services, Inc., Director – Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 457-3039.

Conclusion:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service since there are alternative service arrangements available to potential customers and AT&T Southeast will continue to provide the service to its existing customer until its contract expires or until the customer migrates to another product. AT&T Southeast respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue WCS in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

² Petition of AT&T Inc. for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160 from Title II and Computer Inquiry Rules with Respect to Broadband Services and Petition of BellSouth Corporation for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160 from Title II and Computer Inquiry Rules with Respect to Broadband Services, WC Docket 06-125, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 22 FCC Rcd 18705 (2007).

Respectfully submitted,

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June 10, 2008

Attachment A



June 9, 2008

RE: AT&T Southeast Region 9-State- Discontinuance of Wavelength Channel Service – Dedicated System

Dear Valued AT&T Business Customer:

Effective July 29, 2008, pending Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approval, Wavelength Channel Service – Dedicated System (WCS-DS), [AT&T Interstate Access Guidebook, Part 11, Section 29.4.1.A & C], will no longer be available to new customers or to existing customers at new locations in the AT&T Southeast Region, which includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Following the effective date, customers with WCS-DS on order or in effect prior to July 29, 2008 will continue to receive WCS-DS and may add wavelength channels until the capacity of the existing WCS-DS has been reached. AT&T offers an alternative product, Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service, which has more robust features and is offered at lower rates.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of AT&T Southeast. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

AT&T Southeast reserves the right to modify or cancel the above information prior to the proposed filing or effective date. Should any modifications be made to the information, these modifications will be reflected in a subsequent letter sent at the time of the filing. AT&T Southeast will incur no liability to the CLEC if such information is modified or cancelled by AT&T Southeast or is not put into effect.

Please refer your questions to your AT&T Account Manager.

Sincerely,

AT&T Southeast
675 West Peachtree Street, NE
Atlanta, GA 30375

Please do not send inquiries or payments to the return address on this notice. If you have comments or questions, please contact
AT&T Customer Service at the toll-free number on your bill. LS16488

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have, this 10th day of June 2008, served a copy of the foregoing
Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following:

/s/Lacretia Hill
Lacretia Hill

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Governor Bob Riley
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